



TED STRICKLAND
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

August 8, 2007

Mr. Frank Skaggs, Center Director
U.S. SBA Field Operations Center, East
1 Baltimore Place
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

I am writing to respectfully request that Cuyahoga County, Ohio be surveyed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in order to be considered for an Agency-only disaster declaration for the SBA Disaster Recovery loan program for homeowners, renters, businesses and churches.

On Monday, August 7, 2007, Cuyahoga County was impacted by severe storms, high winds and flash flooding. The State and County surveyed a total of 40 homes and 2 businesses with uninsured damages resulting from this incident.

The American Red Cross has been assisting families with the cleanup efforts as well as providing emergency assistance. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency has gathered data that defines the impact. The result of the initial assessment of uninsured damages in Cuyahoga County is the following:

Residences destroyed - 0
Residences with major damage - 38
Businesses with major damage - 2
Residences with minor damage - 15
Cumulative Total of all structures surveyed: 45

The initial assessment indicates this event may meet the SBA criteria of a combination of at least twenty-five (25) homes or businesses that have sustained uninsured losses equal to 40% or more of their estimated fair market value. The losses sustained by the victims are irretrievable from any other source, and the low-interest loans would greatly expedite their recovery.

I certify this information is accurate; that the State of Ohio will not seek a declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for uninsured damages which occurred in Cuyahoga County on August 7, 2007; and the State will not seek to add any County.



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Thank you for your timely attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Strickland
Governor

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Emergency Proclamation Regarding Severe Storms in Northeastern Ohio

1. **Weather Situation in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.** On Tuesday, August 7, 2007, severe storms moved across Cuyahoga County, Ohio, producing high winds, heavy rain, and flash flooding. These storms caused dangerous conditions and damage, which have affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of in that part of the State.
2. **Impact on Ohio Citizens.** The lives and well-being of the citizens in Cuyahoga County were adversely impacted by the storms and flash flooding and will continue to be impacted because of damage in the area.
3. **State and Federal Assistance to Cuyahoga County.** The local government and the citizens of Cuyahoga County require assistance in recovering from the effects of the storm. Resources and services of the State and the federal Small Business Administration are needed to recover from the effects of the storm and to prevent further damage.
4. **Determination of an Emergency.** The failure to declare what has occurred in Cuyahoga County as an emergency situation will negatively impact the citizens of Ohio who have been adversely affected by the severe storms in that area. Accordingly, I hereby proclaim that an emergency exists in Cuyahoga County justifying the authorization of such personnel of the state departments/agencies as necessary, in accordance with Section 5502.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, to assist the local government in Cuyahoga County in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of its citizens.
5. **This Determination of an Emergency Is Not a Weather (Public Safety) Emergency.** This emergency proclamation does not implement the Department of Administrative Services Directive 06-03 or the EMA "Weather Emergency Procedure" (revised February 12, 2007). Accordingly, classified and unclassified exempt employees' obligation to travel to and from work is not limited as a result of this emergency proclamation.

6. I signed this Emergency Proclamation on August 8, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio and it will take effect immediately. It will remain in effect until the emergency no longer exists as determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency. The Executive Director will coordinate the State's response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials at the State and Cuyahoga County levels.

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Ted Strickland, Governor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State